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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING A USER TO SUBSCRIBE TO
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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

This is a response to an Office Action mailed August 27, 2002 (Paper No. 16). In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 as follows. A marked-up version of these amended claims is attached as an Appendix.

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1. (Amended) A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

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subscription requesting means for enabling a user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, the subscription requesting means comprising a selection formula, wherein the selection formula is programmed with search criteria corresponding to the subscription, wherein the search criteria identify information to be searched for and presented to the user at various intervals without additional user intervention;

subscription parameter receiving means for receiving at least one subscription parameter from the user wherein the at least one subscription parameter indicates a type